



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA08-018	2002-2003 FORD TAURUS AND MERCURY SABLE IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	28-AUG-2008	
EA09-001	2003 HONDA ACCORD MODELS WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	Ignition Shift Interlock	05-JAN-2009	14-OCT-2010
EA09-005	2003-2005 INFINITI Q45 AND 2003-2004 INFINITI M45	SIDE AIR BAG NON-DEPLOYMENT	01-APR-2009	
EA09-010	MY 2004 -2008 NEW FLYER TRANSIT VEHICLES	AIR BRAKE SYSTEM	18-JUN-2009	
EA09-013	MY 2002 - 2005 FORD EXPLORER / MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	VEHICLE ROLLAWAY ALLEGATIONS	18-AUG-2009	
EA09-016	2004 AND 2005 FORD FREESTAR AND MERCURY MONTEREY	TORQUE CONVERTER OUTPUT SHAFT FAILURE	10-NOV-2009	
EA09-017	MY2007-2008 KIA SORENTO VEHS TO 11/27/2007	AIR BAG OCS FAILURE	19-NOV-2009	
EA09-018	MY 1998-2002 ISUZU RODEO AND HONDA PASSPORT	Rear Suspension Lower Link Detachment	07-DEC-2009	15-OCT-2010
EA09-019	2002-2005 BMW 3 SERIES SEDANS (E46)	REAR LAMP ILLUMINATION	18-DEC-2009	
EA10-001	MY2004-2006 FORD F-150 VEHICLES	INADVERTENT AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT	13-JAN-2010	
EA10-002	MY2001-2004 FORD ESCAPE AND MAZDA TRIBUTE	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	14-JAN-2010	
EA10-003	1997-2008 E350/450 Ford Cab/Chassis	HVAC Switch Failures	13-APR-2010	
EA10-004	MY 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe/GMC Yukon	Interior Door Handle Laceration Risk	23-MAY-2010	

EA10-005	All 2008 and 2009 models with a Center Front Adjuster	Harness slippage	02-JUL-2010	
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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE10-008	MY 2009-10 TOYOTA COROLLA, COROLLA MATRIX	STEERING WANDER OR DRIFT	18-FEB-2010	
PE10-010	MY1999-2003 GM C/K Pickups and SUVs	Brake line failure due to corrosion	30-MAR-2010	
PE10-017	2005-2006 Mercedes-Benz E-Class	Driver's Frontal Air Bag Wiring Failure	14-MAY-2010	
PE10-019	2010 Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan	Accelerator pedal entrapment.	28-MAY-2010	
PE10-020	2003-2005 BMW Z4	Loss of Power Steering	28-JUN-2010	
PE10-021	2007-2009 Mazda3	Mazda3 Loss of Power Steering Assist	28-JUN-2010	
PE10-022	2005 Chrysler Minivans	Loss of headlight illumination	12-JUL-2010	
PE10-023	MY 2003 Kia Sorento	Fuel expulsion/spit-back when refueling	12-JUL-2010	
PE10-024	MY 2005 Dodge Magnum	Rear Hatch Strut Support Failure	19-JUL-2010	
PE10-025	MY 2004-2005 Volvo XC90	Central Electronic Module Failure	20-JUL-2010	
PE10-026	1999-2003 Ford Windstar	Front Sub-Frame Corrosion	20-JUL-2010	
PE10-027	2002-2003 Volkswagen Passat	Engine Compartment Fire	26-JUL-2010	
PE10-028	2008 VNM and 2009 VNL	Front Air Brake Hose Interference	29-JUL-2010	
PE10-029	2007-2009 Peterbilt tractors with extended lube driveshafts	Driveshaft separates from tractor	02-AUG-2010	
PE10-030	2010 Kia Soul	Steering Shaft Decoupled From Hand Wheel	12-AUG-2010	
PE10-031	1993-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee	Crash Related Fuel Tank Fires	23-AUG-2010	
PE10-032	2007-2008 Jeep Wrangler	Fuel Spill During Refueling	23-AUG-2010	
PE10-033	2004 through 2007 Ford Freestar and Mercury Monterey	Engine stalling	23-AUG-2010	
PE10-034	2009 Volkswagen Jetta TDI	Engine Stalling	26-AUG-2010	
PE10-035	2011 Hyundai Sonata	Steering Shaft Decoupled From Wheel	27-AUG-2010	
PE10-036	1997-2001 Ford F-150	Fuel Tank Strap Corrosion/Rust	07-SEP-2010	
PE10-037	2007 and 2008 Honda Fit	Low Beam Headlights	16-SEP-2010	
PE10-038	2004-2005 Mini Cooper	Loss of power steering assist	24-SEP-2010	
PE10-039	2004-2010	Python Lift - Inadvertent Operation	30-SEP-2010	
PE10-040	MY 2008, 2009, 2010 Doubletree Mobile Suites RV	Wheel Separation	14-OCT-2010	
PE10-041	1995 through 2004 MY Orion VI	Hydraulic Auxiliary Pump Fitting Failure	20-OCT-2010	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT RECALL QUERY				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ10-003	VARIOUS MY 2004-2010 TOYOTA, LEXUS, AND PONTIAC MODELS	UNINTENDED ACCELERATION	16-FEB-10	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PETITIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP09-006	2005 - 07 MODEL YEAR BLUE BIRD WANDERLODGE M450 MOTOR HOME	ALLEGED INADEQUATE CAMPAIGN REMEDY	30-NOV-2009	
DP10-001	2005-2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER AND GMC ENVOY	ALLEGED FUEL TANK LEVEL SENSOR FAILURE	07-JAN-2010	
DP10-002	ALL DAYTON RADIAL LACED AFTERMARKET MOTORCYCLE WHEELS	MOTORCYCLE WHEEL FAILURE	18-FEB-2010	

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

RECALL QUERY (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

DEFECT OR RECALL PETITION (DP OR RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

If you have a safety concern or want to learn more...

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